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SOUTH CAROLINA AND ADJACENT STATES,

CONVENED AT

MT. LEBANON CHURCH, ORANGEBURG DIST., S. C.,

ON THE

TWENTY-NINTH OF OCTOBER, 1862.

The Minutes of the Synodical Missionary Society,

AND OF THE

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF DISABLED MINISTERS, ETC.

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MINUTES OF SYNOD.

THURSDAY, Oct. 16, 1862.

In pursuance of the power invested in the President by special resolution of last meeting, the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD of South Carolina and adjacent states assembled by his call at Mt. Lebanon church, in Orangeburg district.

The religious exercises were introduced by Rev. W. Berly, after which the President, Rev. J. P. Margart, preached the opening sermon from 2 Cor. xiii, 2.

After a short intermission the members of Synod reassembled, and the session was opened with singing and prayer by the President.

The roll was called and absentees noted.

ORDAINED MINISTERS PRESENT.

1.	Rev. N. ALDRICH*	Charleston, S. C.
2.	" A. ANGERER	Walhalla, "
3.	" J. AUSTIN	Springfield, Ga.
4.	" J. BACHMAN, D. D	Charleston, S. C.
5.	" J. H. BAILEY	Newberry, "
6.	" W. BERLY	Lexington, "
7.	" B. F. BERRY*	Cowpen Branch, "
8.	" D. M. BLACKWELDER	Pomaria, "
9.	" T. S. BOINEST	" "
10.	" S. BOUKNIGHT	Leesville, Lex. dist., "
11.	" W. S. BOWMAN*	Charleston, "
12.	" H. CAUGHMAN	West Creek, "
13.	" P. DERRICK	St. Matthew's, "
14.	" J. N. DERRICK	Graniteville, "

* Appeared after first session.

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15. Rev. J. Hawkins.....Springfield, Ga.
16. " W. A. Houck.....Orangeburg, S. C.
17. " A. W. Lindler.....Germanville, "
18. " J. P. Margart.....Eufala, Ala.
19. " J. M. Schreckhise*.....Newberry, S. C.
20. " J. P. Smeltzer..... " "
21. " H. Stoudenmire..... .....Fort Motte, "

ORDAINED MINISTERS ABSENT.

1. Rev. C. F. Bansemer.....Walhalla, S. C.
2. " C. H. Bernheim.....Ocala, Fla.
3. " E. A. Bolles†.....Orangeburg, S. C.
4. " E. Dufford.....In Confederate service.
5. " F. Hickerson‡.....Ellisville, Fla.
6. " E. B. Hort‡.....Columbia, S. C.
7. " J. B. Lowman.....Pleasant Springs, "
8. " J. Moser‡.....Hope Station, "
9. " L. Muller .....Charleston, "
10. " M. Rauch‡.....Germanville, "
11. " D. Sheely.....Rockville, "
12. " J. H. W. Wertz‡.....Germanville, "
13. " F. Wilken.....Wurtburg, Tenn.

LICENTIATES PRESENT.

1. Rev. B. Kreps.....Edisto Mills, S. C.
2. " Webster Eichelberger§.....Newberry, "

LICENTIATES ABSENT.

1. Rev. S. Baily‡.....Beauford's Bridge, S. C.

Members ex officio.

Mr. W. W. HOUSEAL, Treasurer of Synod.
" J. F. SCHIRMER, " " Seminary.
Maj. J. P. KINARD, " " Widows' Fund.

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*Appeared after first session.
†General Agent of Bible Society of Confederate States of America.
‡Excused. §Received at this meeting.

The following lay delegates presented their credentials, and were enrolled as members of Synod:

LAY DELEGATES.

1. R. E. Zettrour	from	Rev. J. Austin's	charge.
2. J. J. Dreher	"	" D. M. Blackwelder's	charge.
3. G. A. Riser	"	" T. S. Boinest's	"
4. L. C. McNary	"	" S. Bouknight's	"
5. R. H. Zimmerman	"	" P. Derrick's	"
6. John Hiller, Sr.	"	" J. B. Lowman's	"
7. A. M. Riser	"	" J. P. Smeltzer's	"
8. Adam King	"	" B F. Berry's	"
9. John Lorick	"	" W. Berly's	"
10. J. A. Shirer	"	" W. A. Houck's	"

Rev. Jacob Crim, from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, appeared as corresponding delegate from that body, and was invited to participate in our deliberations. Upon taking his seat, Brother Crim expressed the cordial feelings entertained by the members of his Synod for this, and was suitably replied to by the President on behalf of the Synod.

Rev. W. Berly, who had been appointed delegate to the Synod of Georgia, reported that it was deemed impracticable to have a meeting of that body, and hence he had no report of his mission to make.

Rev. Dr. Bachman, chairman of the delegation to the General Convention of the Lutheran Church in the Confederate States, made a verbal statement of his inability to attend and the reasons thereof, and also encouraged the Synod to go on earnestly with their work: for the Church, her institutions, and her literature must be sustained, and there was a unanimity throughout our Confederacy upon these points, although the distracted state of the country might prevent a union of council. We should therefore not despond, but look up.

Rev. D. M. Blackwelder, corresponding delegate to the Synod of North Carolina, made his report—

In accordance with the resolution of last Synod, I would report that I attended the meeting of the North Carolina Synod, convened at Organ church, North Carolina, May 1, 1862. I was most cordially received by those brethren, who continue to cherish for us a high regard, and ardently wish and pray for our prosperity, as their colaborer in the cause of Lutheranism and of Christianity. That Synod has appointed a delegate to meet with us at our present session. I make a present to Synod of the expenses incurred.

The President now proceeded to read his annual address, which was afterward received to be referred to the appropriate committee—

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Beloved Brethren:

We have arrived at the close of another Synodical term, rendered shorter in consequence of our national difficulties protracting the preceding term several weeks beyond the usual period of assembling. The same difficulties still exist, though with a less threatening aspect. The enemy, whose successes last year gave them encouragement to hope for a speedy subjugation of our Southern soil, have recently met with such reverses as are calculated to blight their prospects, and sink them in utter despair. We have reason to be grateful to our kind Father in Heaven, who has blessed our arms with victory, and enabled us to drive the invader for the most part from the limits of our Confederacy. The only positions they now occupy are a few of our islands and cities on the sea-coast, and on some of the inland water-courses. May the same Almighty arm still go forth with our armies, and aid us in establishing our independence among the nations of the earth.

Although our recent successes have been encouraging, yet they have been achieved at the sacrifice of many a noble citizen. Alas! how many families have been called to mourn the loss of some loved one, who has fallen on the battle-field, or been made a victim of disease consequent upon his connection with the army.

Another evil, consequent upon this unholy and cruel war, is the demoralizing effect it produces on the youth of our land. Although in many instances they enjoy the privilege of religious instruction, and we hear of occasional conversions among our troops, yet such is the nature of a life in camp, where our youths are exposed to temptations of every kind, and are made familiar with scenes of suffering and death, that it necessarily produces a callous disposition, and a morbid indifference to the demands of humanity and civilization. Another evil result of this war is the financial derangement it has produced. Our ports are locked up against the exportation of the products of our labor, and the importation of the very necessaries of life; and what few articles are accidentally brought in are greedily sought after by speculators, who extort heavily upon their fellow-citizens; besides, our own manufacturers, taking advantage of our necessities, are demanding, in some instances, ten-fold the former prices for the articles they produce. This falls heavily upon the poor of our land, especially the families of those who have enlisted in the service of their country. These evils, together with the financial embarrassment resulting therefrom, will doubtless exert a corresponding influence upon the contributions to our several treasuries.

Let us then mourn over our sins, both national and individual, which have borne their part in bringing about the present state of our public affairs, and in deep humility pray our Father in Heaven to stay the tide of war and bloodshed, and restore peace and prosperity to our troubled country; and on the other hand, let us ascribe to Him, and to HIM ALONE, praise and thanksgiving for all the successes which have attended our cause. For this aid I would recommend to this body that half an hour be spent in prayer each day during the present session, immediately before the opening of the regular religious exercises, with especial reference to the state of our country.

Upon the whole, we have assembled under favorable auspices. Many of our clergy and lay delegates are present. Among the absent, permit me to mention an

aged father of the Church—the pioneer of Lutheranism in South Carolina—the only surviving member of this Synod who was present at its first organization; I refer to the Rev. M. Rauch,* who from the increasing infirmities of age, and a total privation of sight, has been unable to meet with us for several years. May the blessing of Heaven attend him in his declining days, and when called to enter upon his rest, may he be enabled to adopt the language of the good old Simeon: *"Now, Lord, lettest thou thy servant depart in peace; for mine eyes have beheld thy salvation."*

Since our last meeting, we have been called to mourn the loss of one of our number. The Rev. GEORGE HALTIWANGER departed this life near Ebenezer, Georgia, on the 10th of February, 1862. He was absent from our last meeting in consequence of a paralytic stroke, which terminated his life at the time and place above mentioned. Bro. Haltiwanger served successively as Secretary and President of this body, and was much beloved by all who knew him. His departure was somewhat sudden and unexpected; yet death found him as a good soldier of the cross of Christ, at the post of duty. I forbear saying more, and shall leave it to the Committee on Memoirs to do justice to the memory of this worthy brother. *"Be ye, therefore, also ready: for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not."*

OFFICIAL.

Owing to the unsettled state of our public affairs at the last meeting of this body it was deemed advisable not to appoint the time and place for the present meeting, but to leave that subject to the discretion of your presiding officer. As the prevailing desire of the Synod, then, was to hold the present meeting as early in the fall as possible, to avoid any contingency that might arise from the renewal of active hostilities on our southern coast, with the view of selecting as healthy a location as possible, about the middle of July I addressed a letter to the congregation of Sandy Run, asking permission to call a meeting of the Synod at that church, commencing on Thursday, the 9th of October. Meanwhile, about the 1st of August, I received information from my son in the army near Richmond that he was extremely ill, and desired me to come to him as soon as possible. The character of his disease was such that I could not remove him before the last of August. Immediately after my arrival at home I received a communication from the congregation of Sandy Run, stating that it would not be convenient to them to entertain the Synod at this time. I then without delay addressed a letter to Rev. P. Derrick, pastor of Mt. Lebanon church, Orangeburg district, asking if the members of his charge were willing to entertain the Synod, and appointing Thursday, the 16th of October, as the day for assembling; at the same time enclosing a notice which I requested him to forward to the Southern Lutheran for publication, in case the appointment should be accepted. I offer the foregoing explanation as an apology for the shortness of the notice given.

I have but one more official act to bring to the notice of Synod. The Rev. Samuel Bayley, a licentiate of this Ministerium, being absent from our last meeting, the continuance of his license was left to the discretion of your presiding officer. Immediately after the adjournment of Synod, a letter from Brother Bay-

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*The Rev. Dr. Bachman, the next oldest member of Synod, did not unite with the Synod of South Carolina and adjacent states until its *second* meeting, held at St. John's church, Broad river, Lexington district, South Carolina, in the fall of 1824. The Synod was organized at a previous meeting, held in the spring of the same year, at St. Michael's church, in the fork of Broal and Saluda rivers.

ley, containing his excuse for non-attendance and an application for the renewal of his license, was handed to me by my predecessor. This letter proving satisfactory, I without delay forwarded to Brother Bayley a license extending to the present meeting of Synod, and urged upon him the necessity of a strict adherence to the requirements of the constitution.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Brethren, there are a few objects which demand your serious and prayerful consideration.

1. *The Southern Lutheran.*—This infant organ of our Church has weathered out the first year of its existence under much embarrassment. Its future development depends mainly upon the exertions of its friends. It *must* be sustained, and it *can* be sustained, if the ministers and laymen of our Church will but do their duty. It cannot be expected to be *self-sustaining* in the present disturbed state of the country; and the only possible way for its permanent establishment is by the liberal contribution of its friends that it may be kept alive until the close of the war, when its list of subscribers may be so increased as not only to make it self-sustaining, but to render it a source of income to the Church. With much deference to the opinions of others, I would recommend to Synod the appointment of a committee to devise some plan for the permanent endowment of this paper. Let that committee mature their plan, and present it at an early day during our present session for the approval of this body.

2. *Our College and Seminary.*—These institutions still need our fostering care. The college has kept up under the trials of war beyond our most sanguine expectations; but the seminary has been deficient in students, in consequence of the conscription act, which has called out all our young men above the age of eighteen years into the service of their country. For further particulars, I refer you to the reports of the respective boards.

3. *The Missionary Society.*—The vast amount of good already achieved by this society, and the prospect of increased usefulness in building up the waste places in our Zion, should commend it to the liberal patronage of the Church, and of all who are willing to bid her God speed.

4. *The Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers, etc.*—This Society has not met with the favor which its object demands. Although no calls have yet been made upon its funds for aid, it becomes us to provide for the future by establishing a permanent fund, the interest of which may be applied to the objects contemplated in its constitution, and thereby give an assurance to our indigent brethren who are laboring faithfully in the Church that their families shall be provided for when *they* shall have been gathered to their fathers. I therefore invite all who can to contribute liberally to the funds of this society by becoming annual or life members, or by special donations.

5. *The Bible Society of the Confederate States.*—The success of the general agent of this Society—the Rev. E. A. Bolles, a member of this Synod—in collecting funds for the distribution of the Holy Scriptures is highly encouraging; and I would suggest to this body the propriety of giving their sanction to his operations, and of recommending the interests of this society to the special consideration of the members of our churches.

6. *Religious Publications.*—The general convention which was to have been held in Salisbury, North Carolina, having failed to meet with a full representation, and having been indefinitely postponed, it devolves upon the several district Synods to carry out as far as practicable some of the objects contemplated by the General

Synod when organized. As there is a deficiency of catechisms and other religious books for the use of Sunday-schools and private families, and as there is no other practicable way to supply this deficiency, I would suggest the appointment of a committee to be called THE PUBLICATION COMMITTEE, to act in concert with similar committees of other Synods until such time that a General Synod shall be organized, whose duty it shall be to revise any manuscripts that may be presented to them; and if they shall deem them worthy of publication, to adopt such measures as may secure their publication upon such terms as they and the respective authors may agree upon; provided, that in no case the funds of Synod shall be rendered in any way liable for the expenses of publication.

7. *The State of Religion in our Churches.*—In the absence of the necessary data to enable me to give you a correct statement of the religious state of our several churches, I have to refer you to the narratives which the ministers are required to read publicly before Synod, and to the condensed report of the standing committee.

CONCLUSION.

Dear brethren, I have endeavored to comply with the constitutional requirement. I have presented to you my annual report, accompanied by such suggestions as I deem worthy of your consideration. I may have erred, but not intentionally. I claim your patient forbearance for anything that may not meet your entire approbation; and my prayer to God is, that He may guide your counsels, direct you in the discussion of the weighty and important subjects that may come before you, and above all, enable you to "*keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace.*"

JOHN P. MARGART, *President.*

Rev. J. Hawkins announced to Synod that the nature of his engagements would preclude the possibility of his preparing the minutes for the press, and asked to resign the office of Secretary. His resignation was accepted, and Messrs. Houseal and Dreher were appointed to receive and count the ballots for his successor.

Pending the counting of the votes, all letters, petitions, and other documents intended for Synod, were called for and handed in.

The committee now announced Rev. T. S. Boinest elected to the office of Secretary.

Rev. J. P. Smeltzer announced his inability to make a report as Corresponding Secretary, inasmuch as he had not received a single document upon which to report.

The report of the Trustees of Newberry College through their secretary, H. Summer, Esq., was now read by Professor Smeltzer, and on motion was received:

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of
South Carolina and adjacent states:

At the last annual meeting of your body at St. Paul's church, in Newberry district, in January, 1862, the condition and prospects of the college at Newberry

court-house were laid before you in the annual report submitted by me as the secretary of the Board of Trustees.

At the time of the meeting of your body at St. Paul's, Rev. Mr. Bailey, the teacher of the primary department, was lying very ill of typhoid pneumonia. It was not till the latter part of March, or the first of April last, that he was able to undertake the discharge of the duties of his position. During this period, Rev. Mr. Smeltzer, the president of the college, took charge of that department, and taught the pupils until Mr. Bailey's health was sufficiently restored to enable him to resume his duties. About the middle of April the faculty of the college fondly entertained the hope that Rev. W. Eichelberger would be able to come on to Newberry and take charge of the classical department. This hope was not realized; for when his term of service expired, and he was ready to leave for this state, the demand was imperative that he, as all the soldiers who were enlisted for twelve months, should remain for three months longer. He obeyed the laws of his country, and was under the command of Stonewall Jackson during the seven days battles around Richmond in June and July last. He arrived here on the 3d of this month, and on the first Monday of this month entered upon the discharge of his duties as teacher in the classical department and assistant professor of languages.

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the college in June last, Rev. Mr. Bailey sent to the board his resignation as teacher of the primary department, which was accepted by the board. Owing to the circumstances of the country being engaged in a terrific war for independence, and the difficulty of collecting means to carry on the college, the board, after consultation with the professors, made a temporary arrangement with Professor Schreckhise that he should take charge of the primary department until it was expedient and advisable for the board to fill the vacancy, leaving it with the other members of the faculty to make such arrangements as they might deem proper to carry on the departments in the college, and give instruction to the students who may be in the college. This is the state of the college at the opening of the institution, which is the commencement of the fifth year of its operations.

The average number of pupils in attendance since the last report has been between sixty and seventy. This session opened with about forty-five; which number is about ten more than were in the college at the opening of the session last year.

During the vacation this summer, in accordance with directions and instructions of the board, Mr. Wallace Cline was employed by the president of the college to make permanent seats and desks for the pupils, both in the primary and classical departments, which has been done; the seats and desks in the primary department are made so as to seat two pupils comfortably, with passages between the tiers so as to pass from the seats to the front. The teacher sits in front of the pupils, and has the whole school under his eye. Eighty pupils can be comfortably seated in this department. The classical department is similarly arranged; only that one pupil will occupy a seat and desk; the seats being made for one student. Fifty students can be accommodated in this department. For anything further connected with this report, your body will please inquire of the president of the college, who will take pleasure in communicating any information of the college and the prospects of the institution.

The Board of Trustees are determined to sustain the college, and to make it all that you can desire. They look to you as those who must feel a deep interest in its success and prosperity. It is necessary that you extend your fostering care and substantial aid to the college, and also to the theological seminary, if your

anticipations of their future usefulness are to be realized. To contribute to the diffusion of knowledge among the youth of the land, and thus influence the rising generation to seek that which is good is truly a noble work. The Trustees are willing to do their duty. In these times of trouble and distress no matter how much we feel, we must not, we dare not neglect the culture and proper education of the children of the land. In a few years they will be men, engaged in the arduous duties of life. Let us prepare them for their responsible positions; and with the blessing of the Most High they will go forth into the world doing good in their day and generation, and their memory will be blessed.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY SUMMER,
Secretary of the Board.

Rev. W. Berly made a statement of his inability to attend the meetings of the boards, and requested Synod to substitute some one in his place who would have it in his power to do so.

A motion was now made to adjourn until to-morrow morning nine o'clock, and Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. Bouknight.

SECOND DAY.

First Session, 9, A. M.

Synod convened, and was opened with prayer by Rev. A. W. Lindler. The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

The President announced the following standing committees:

1. *On Unfinished Business*—Revs. S. Bouknight and E. Caughman.
2. *On President's Address*—Revs. Dr. Bachman, N. Aldrich, and Mr. J. F. Schirmer.
3. *On Letters and Excuses*—Revs. J. Hawkins and D. M. Blackwelder.
4. *On State of Religion*—Revs. J. P. Smeltzer and J. H. Bailey.
5. *On Synodical Fund*—Messrs. J. J. Dreher and G. A. Riser.
6. *On Seminary Fund*—Messrs. W. W. Houseal and L. C. McNary.
7. *On Widows' Fund*—Messrs. J. F. Schirmer and J. Hiller.
8. *On Memoirs*—Revs. W. Berly and J. Austin.

Revs. N. Aldrich, B. F. Berry, Professor J. M. Schreckhise,

and Messrs. John Lorick, A. J. Shirer, and Adam King, appeared and took their seats.

Rev. N. Aldrich read the report of the Editing committee of the "Southern Lutheran," and in connection therewith the report of the financial agent, which were on motion received and the following resolution in reference thereto adopted:

The Editing committee of the "Southern Lutheran," in making their annual report to this Synod, by whom the establishment of a Church paper was first conceived and acted upon, would express their heartfelt gratitude that their efforts have met with at least ordinary success and approval.

Even under the most favorable circumstances, such an undertaking is always attended with peculiar difficulties; its inauguration therefore at a time like this, when war is desolating our land, rendering both labor and materials for printing exceedingly dear and difficult to be procured, and when older papers of a kindred nature have yielded to the pressure of the times and now cease to exist, was an act of boldness that nothing but extraordinary circumstances would seem to justify. Your committee are fully conscious that such were the circumstances that secured to the paper the sympathy of the Church, and saved it from the ruin that otherwise would have inevitably befallen it. It was needed as the *organ* of the Church, and as such it has been adopted and sustained. Whether it will continue its career of prosperity and usefulness through another year is a matter that rests entirely with its friends. Our subscription list, though larger than at our last meeting, still falls far short of what it ought to be. Your committee are aware that in some measure this has been caused by the state of affairs in our country; while some of our synods have been excluded from all participation in any of the enterprises connected with the Church from the occupancy of their territory by the enemy.

There are hundreds of individual members of the Church upon the battle-field whose means are now but barely sufficient to supply the wants of their families. It would of course be unreasonable to expect support for the paper from such sources as these. But this has not been the case with all who profess to be the friends of the Church and her institutions. Many, being above the prescribed age for military duty, and from other causes, have been permitted to remain quietly at home to attend to their usual occupations and be amply remunerated for all their toils, and yet a large proportion of these have either from the beginning entirely withheld their support from the paper or else withdrawn it at the close of the year of their subscription. The usual notice for renewal, we are sorry to say, has within the last month witnessed the return of many copies of the paper from various sources with the discouraging words upon their margin "please discontinue." Still, with all this depletion in the original number of our subscribers, our books show a positive gain on the side of the friends of the enterprise. At the last meeting of the Synod the whole number of names upon our subscription book was 926; at the present meeting we are enabled to report 1,037—of this number Virginia sends 271, North Carolina 177, South Carolina 426, Georgia 106, Florida 17, Alabama 5, Tennessee 7, Mississippi 7, Texas 2. These facts are recorded to show how much greater patronage is needed to place the paper upon what may be considered a safe and permanent basis. Your committee would report that there are now 1,500 copies of the paper issued weekly from this office at an expense of fifty-nine dollars and thirty-seven cents ($59 37). This has been rendered necessary by the continued urgent applica-

tions made for the paper by our soldiers both upon the seaboard and in other parts of the Confederacy. The propriety of supplying this demand, involving as it does additional expense, might be doubted by some, but this expense has in part been met by voluntary contribution, and your committee have felt that they were but discharging a Christian duty to hundreds of their fellow-men who were at best but partially supplied with religious reading, and who by the perusal of the paper might be brought to a proper appreciation of their spiritual state. Your committee have learned from authentic sources that the paper is eagerly sought after by the soldiers of the various regiments, and read by numbers to whom a tract would only be considered as so much waste paper. Our selections, therefore, have recently been made with reference to this fact, believing as the wise man has expressed it, that "a word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver."

As regards the financial condition of the paper the committee would refer the Synod to the report of its business agent, by whom the accounts of the concern have been systematized and carefully kept. The resignation of our former efficient and much esteemed agent, Mr. R. G. Chisolm, occasioned by the pressure of other duties, produced some derangement in the financial department, from which it is now happily relieved without any material loss. Your committee would feel that they had but illy discharged their duty if direct mention were not made in this report of the many liberal donations made to the paper by its friends. By means of these timely offerings our paper has continued its weekly visits, when otherwise they would have been suspended for want of funds wherewith to publish it. May the Great Head of the Church abundantly reward the zeal of these brethren in his cause by special manifestations of his grace.

In closing this report, your committee regret that they are called upon to notice the withdrawal of their much esteemed fellow-laborer, Rev. W. S. Bowman, from the corps editorial. The services of our brother were too well known not to be appreciated by the Church at large, as well as by those with whom he was so intimately associated. In his withdrawal, we feel that the paper has been deprived of much valuable aid, and ourselves of an associate with whom we have labored upon terms of Christian brotherhood and perfect harmony. We are sure that we do but express the united sentiment of this body in returning our thanks to Brother Bowman for the fidelity, efficiency, and zeal with which he discharged his duties as the junior editor of "The Southern Lutheran."

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN. BACHMAN,
N. ALDRICH,
Editing Committee.

1. *Resolved,* That a committee consisting of two clergymen and three laymen be appointed by the President, to whom the report of the Editing committee be referred.

2. *Resolved,* That the report of the financial agent to the editor of the *Southern Lutheran,* showing the pecuniary condition of the paper, be received as information.

The committee under the first of the above resolutions consists of Revs. Professor Smeltzer, W. Berly, Messrs. A. M. Riser, J. J. Dreher, and J. Hiller.

Rev. J. D. W. Crook, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was at this stage of the proceedings introduced and invited to a seat as an advisory member.

Rev. Professor Smeltzer offered the following—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to arrange a new form of parochial reports, adapting it so as to include all items interesting to Synod and the Church, and presenting as near as possible the exact condition of each pastoral charge.

Adopted; and Revs. Smeltzer, Bouknight, Berly, Lindler, and Boinest appointed the committee.

The pastors now proceeded to read the narratives on the state of religion in their respective charges; after which they were placed in the hands of the Committee on the State of Religion.

On motion of Rev. J. Austin, it was

Resolved, That all those brethren who made only verbal statements of the state of religion be requested to commit them to writing, and hand them in to the committee.

Rev. A. Angerer asked and obtained leave of absence after the morning session.

Resolved, That Synod spend a half-hour each day, immediately preceding public worship, in special prayer for our country and our cause.

Adjourned until after service.

A half-hour was spent in special prayer, the exercises being conducted by Rev. Dr. Bachman; at the termination of which Rev. D. M. Blackwelder preached from Acts xvi, 31.

SECOND SESSION.

After a short recess, Synod resumed business, and Rev. Professor Webster Eichelberger being present was introduced and invited to a seat as an advisory member.

The election of members of the seminary board and trustees of the college being in order, the President appointed Messrs. J. A. Shirer and A. M. Riser to collect the votes for the class of 1859 whose time had expired; Messrs. Houseal and G. A. Riser to collect the votes to fill vacancies occasioned by resignation; and Messrs. McNary and Zimmerman the votes for trustees of Newberry College.

Before the election a communication was read from Mr. M. Barre, requesting to be excused from serving any longer in either board.

On counting the votes Rev. Dr. Bachman, Rev. S. Bouknight, Mr. J. F. Schirmer, and Dr. G. Muller were elected the class of 1862, and Rev. W. S. Bowman and Capt. J. P. Aull to fill the vacancies occasioned by the resignation of Rev. W. Berly and Mr. M. Barre.

CLASSIFICATION OF THE BOARD.

Class of 1860.	*Class of* 1861.	*Class of* 1862.
Rev. E. B. Hort.	Rev. D. M. Blackwelder.	Rev. Dr. Bachman.
Rev. T. S. Boinest.	Rev. W. S. Bowman.	Rev. S. Bouknight.
Mr. H. Gallman.	Capt. J. P. Aull.	Mr. J. F. Schirmer.
Mr. W. W. Houseal.	Mr. W. K. Bachman.	Dr. G. Muller.

Rev. J. A. Linn, elected by North Carolina Synod.

Parochial reports were called for, and handed to the Secretary.

MINISTERS REPORTING.	CONGREGATIONS.	BAPTISMS.				MEMBERS RECEIVED.		COMMUNICANTS.		BURIALS.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES.
		WHITE.		COLORED.							No. Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	
		Adults.	Infants.	Adults.	Infants.	White.	Colored.	White.	Colored.					
Rev. Dr. Bachman	1	1	54	6	30	22	15	310	200	12	2	26	200	4
" D. M. Blackwelder	2	1	12	6	14	4	6	243	96	10	2	10	66	2
" J. H. W. Wertz	3	0	8	0	0	0	0	170	15	8	1	3	25	0
" F. Hickerson	1	5	0	0	0	3	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0
" E. B. Hort	1	0	14	0	1	2	0	32	0	14	1	4	36	2
" W. S. Bowman	1	0	9	1	1	6	4	39	12	8	1	9	100	1
" J. Moser	1	0	3	0	2	0	0	54	0	2	1	3	20	1
" T. S. Boinest	3	0	18	0	0	7	0	328	48	14	3	24	150	1
" J. M. Schreckhise	1	2	6	0	0	7	0	76	20	6	1	6	30	1
" B. F. Berry	3	2	4	2	0	20	2	100	0	11	0	0	0	1
" Wm. A. Houck	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	190	100	4	2	6	30	0
" Jacob Austin	1	2	16	0	0	12	0	230	0	6	2	12	58	3
" J. N. Derrick	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	5	1	3	30	0
" J. B. Lowman	3	0	15	0	25	12	11	221	73	8	1	3	25	0
" A. W. Lindler	2	1	15	0	13	17	0	126	14	8	2	6	40	0
" W. Berly	2	0	5	0	2	4	0	177	13	3	1	3	22	1
" S. Bouknight	3	2	14	1	2	15	1	308	102	10	2	12	60	1
" B. Kreps	1	15	4	0	0	33	1	140	12	2	1	4	69	0
" J. H. Bailey*	3	10	18	0	0	25	4	208	31	8	0	0	0	0
" P. Derrick	2	0	11	0	15	7	0	131	115	6	2	8	51	1
" E. Caughman	2	6	8	0	0	17	0	190	4	7	1	6	30	1
" J. P. Smeltzer	1	2	1	0	0	2	0	50	0	1	1	7	25	0
Total	40	49	236	16	105	97	44	3387	845	153	28	155	1067	20

* This includes the years 1861 and 1862.

Rev. W. A. Houck was elected corresponding delegate to the North Carolina Synod, and Rev. J. Austin his alternate.

Rev. W. Berly was reappointed to attend the meeting of the Synod of Georgia as the delegate from this body, and Rev. J. Hawkins alternate.

The delegates and alternates to the general convention of the Church were re-elected, with the exception of Rev. W. S. Bowman, one of the alternates, declining, in whose place Rev. S. Bouknight was substituted.

Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, from the Committee on Parochial Reports, presented the following—

The Committee appointed to arrange the form of Parochial Reports begs leave to submit the following form.

J. P. SMELTZER,
S. BOUKNIGHT,
A. W. LINDLER,
T. S. BOINEST,
W. BERLY.

Pastors.	Congregations.	INFANTS BAPTIZED.		MEMBERS RECEIVED BY						DISMISSIONS.		COMMUNICANTS.		DEATH OF MEMBERS.		Prayer Meetings.	SABBATH-SCHOOLS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.					Benevolent Societies.	Subscribers to Lutheran.
		White.	Colored.	Baptism.		Conf.		Certificate.		White.	Colored.	White.	Colored.	Adult.	Infant.		Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Synod.	Miss. Soc.	Other Soc.	Local Objects.			
				White.	Colored.	White.	Colored.	White.	Colored.																	

The committee to count the votes for Trustees reported elected the following:

TRUSTEES OF NEWBERRY COLLEGE.

Rev. Dr. BACHMAN.	Dr. G. MULLER.	H. SUMMER.
" E. B. HORT.	W. K. BACHMAN.	N. A. HUNTER.
" T. S. BOINEST.	SILAS JOHNSTON.†	Gen. A. C. GARLINGTON.
" D. M. BLACKWELDER.	L. J. JONES.	Dr. O. B. MAYER.
" W. S. BOWMAN.	J. K. SCHUMPERT.	Col. S. FAIR.
" S. BOUKNIGHT.*	Capt. J. P. AULL.	Maj. J. P. KINARD.

Synod now adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. Prayer by Rev. J. Crim.

* In the place of Rev. Berly, declined. † In the place of Mr. M. Barre, declined.

THIRD DAY.

9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The session of Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. Hawkins. The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday read and confirmed.

Rev. W. Berly, from the Committee on Memoirs, read a memoir on the death of the lamented Rev. George Haltiwanger, late of Ebenezer, Ga., and Mr. J. Sheck Hungerpeler, a recent student of our Theological Seminary, which was unanimously adopted by the whole body standing in silence:

Since the last meeting of this Synod one of the ministerial members of this body has been removed from the sphere of his labors below to his eternal reward on high. The Rev. George Haltiwanger is no more! A little more than a year since our beloved brother was stricken with paralysis, which terminated his useful labors in the Church, and some time early in the spring ended his earthly career. Brother Haltiwanger was born in Newberry district, S. C., in the year 1813; entered the Theological Seminary in the year 1834, and after having pursued his theological course with great zeal and success, he was licensed to preach the gospel by this ministerium on the 17th of November, 1840, and soon thereafter entered upon the discharge of his ministerial duties: having been called to the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's, St. Michael's, and Bethel churches, in Lexington district, S. C. In this charge he officiated with interest to himself and profit to the churches until the fall of 1849, when he received and accepted a call from Jerusalem church, Ebenezer, Effingham county, Ga. In this charge he continued his earnest exertions for the prosperity of Zion until the Master said "it is enough, come thou up higher." His memory by this ecclesiastical fraternity will ever be cherished with fond recollection. His mortal remains, by his own request, now rest in the cemetery at Trinity church, Edgefield district, S. C. And while his disembodied spirit shall continue to roam the universe of God, and bask in the sunshine of heaven, his moral and religious worth will continue to speak to the living.

In this connection your committee with the deepest emotions of the heart record the demise of a beloved young brother, Mr. J. S. Hungerpeler, a student of theology in the Theological Seminary at Newberry, S. C. When the tocsin of war sounded, fired with the spirit of patriotism, he left the halls of learning and rushed to his country's rescue; and on the 29th of August last he fell upon the bloody plains of Manassas, as the true Christian soldier and hero, while nobly defending her just rights and a mother's home. He was beloved and esteemed by his professors and classmates for his devoted piety and intellectual worth. And while we desire to write his memory upon the tablets of our heart, and while his native state will be draped in mourning for the loss of a gallant son, we would tender our sincere condolence to his family and friends.

Respectfully submitted,

W. BERLY,
A. AUSTIN.

Rev. J. P. Smeltzer reported upon the State of Religion:

The Committee on the State of Religion would beg leave to present the following:

The different reports that were read in Synod, and given into the hands of your committee, impress us with the belief that God has not forsaken our Lutheran Zion; give us the assurance that we are, at least, not retrogading in the divine life, and cheer us with the hope that we shall soon witness the outpouring of God's spirit in the churches. While some of the brethren are desponding, the hearts of others are cheered; while some mourn over the languishing condition of Zion, others rejoice that the seed sown is producing fruit. And while some are crying "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known," others are made glad that the dead are alive, and the lost are found; and that weary and heavy-laden sinners have come to Christ, and found his yoke easy and his burden light.

War with its carnage and desolations is disturbing the peace, prosperity, and progressive movements of the Church. It has called many of the best members of the Church to sacrifice their lives upon the altar of their country; it is scattering thickly its withering, blasting influences all over our land, and it is crushing the fondest hopes of the mother, tearing asunder the conjugal ties of the wife, and trampling upon the heart of the orphan. In the strife of battle war's deadly missiles demand the life's blood of our brethren; in the camp its tempting influences lead them to neglect God and commit sin; in the hospitals its labors and hardships throw them upon beds of death, and at home its excitement turns the mind away from heaven and the interest of souls. War has more than any other cause deprived the Church of many of her best members, carried sorrow and mourning into almost every family, and is now by excitement, anxiety, and fear leading the mind of the Church from its appropriate work. Still, we rejoice that amid all these trials, the Church remains true to her calling, and casts all her care upon the Redeemer. These reports coming up from the different congregations impress us with the conviction founded upon the promise of her Saviour that the night of war may hover over us, its storm-cloud may howl, and the billows of desolation may roll like mountains, and dash their crested waves against the Church; still that Church stands upon the Rock of Ages, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against her.

Although the preached word and the sacraments are as well attended as could be expected in times like these, yet we are convinced that the labor for the conversion of souls, the benevolence of the Church, and deep, earnest piety is far from that model recommended in the word of God. As members we have great need to watch and pray, and as pastors we need to be more fully impressed with the responsibility of our calling.

It is cheering to know that many are daily lifting up holy hands, praying for the peace of Jeruselem and the peace of their country, praying for the conversion of souls and the extension of Christ's kingdom, and praying for a deeper work of grace in their own hearts. It is cheering to believe that amid the trials and storms of life the Church is still onward in the fulfilment of her glorious mission. And it is cheering to hope that God will yet visit our Church with the outpouring of his spirit, and bless her with a revival of genuine piety, so that when this national storm shall have passed the sunshine of peace will beam upon the land, and the cry of "what shall I do to be saved?" will be heard in all our churches. May the blessed Master hasten the day.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. SMELTZER,
J. H. BAILEY.

Rev. S. Bouknight, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made a report which was taken up by items and finally adopted as a whole. Inquiry was made, and each pastor replied in reference to the first item that the spirit if not the letter of the resolution had been complied with. The second item was received as information:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to present the following as the only items of unfinished business claiming the attention of Synod:

1. On page 26 there is a resolution setting apart the fourth Sabbath in each month as a day of special prayer for the prosperity of the Church, the establishment of our national independence, and the restoration of peace. Your committee would respectfully ask, has this resolution been complied with?

2. There has been no report received from the board of directors of the Theological Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

S. BOUKNIGHT,
E. CAUGHMAN.

Rev. J. Hawkins read the report of the Committee on Letters and Excuses—received and adopted:

The Committee appointed to report on Letters and Excuses beg leave to submit the following:

Eight letters were placed in our hands containing excuses for non-attendance from the following brethren: Revs. J. H. W. Werts, J. Moser, J. B. Lowman, F. Hickerson, E. B. Hort, E. A. Bolles, L. Bedenbaugh, and S. Bayley.

Brother Werts assigns as his excuse the shortness of the notice of the meeting of Synod, and the want of means to defray his expenses. The latter we deem a valid excuse, and therefore recommend that he be excused. Brother Werts sends two dollars for synodical purposes, and one dollar and seventy-five cents from Union church, and two dollars and twenty-five cents for himself, for Missionary Society.

Brother Moser reports himself unable to attend our meeting in consequence of sickness. We cheerfully recommend he be excused.

Brother Lowman pleads want of time to prepare for Synod. We do not deem his excuse a valid one.

Brother Hickerson, in a very affectionate letter, in which he sets forth the prospects of his congregation, and his ardent desire to commemorate the Saviour's love at the sacramental board with his brethren in the ministry, assigns distance and the want of means as his excuse for non-attendance. We recommend that he be excused.

Brother Hort says prostration of strength and pressing duties connected with the Lunatic Asylum preclude the possibility of his meeting with us. He sends liberal contributions to the different treasuries of the Church. We take pleasure in recommending his excuse to your favorable notice.

Brother E. A. Bolles, who is laboring with indefatigable energy and most encouraging success as General Agent of the Bible Society of the Confederate States, being absent from the state, begs to be excused for not tending the present session of Synod. We hope his request will be granted.

Brother L. Bedenbaugh, President of the Synod of Georgia, gives the excuse of

Brother J. D. Bowles, corresponding delegate to this body, and expresses the hope that a delegate from our Synod be appointed to meet with theirs, which he desires to convene in December.

Brother S. Bayley, being in feeble health, asks to be excused for not being present. We hope his request will be granted.

J. HAWKINS,
D. M. BLACKWELDER.

Rev. Dr. Bachman reported on the President's Address; the report was taken up by items and finally adopted as a whole:

The Committee on the President's Report respectfully present to Synod the following items in that report which require the action of this body:

1. *The Southern Lutheran.*—The committee recommend that the Synod require each minister of the Church to renew his exertions in obtaining additional subscribers to support the paper. The committee consider this publication as very important to the interests of the Church, and would regard its discontinuance as an evil greatly to be deplored. They recommend that this item be discussed before the Synod in order that some plan may be devised to increase the circulation of the paper.

2. The Missionary Society has hitherto contributed largely in building up the waste places in our Zion. It is feared that its funds this year will be greatly reduced, and our means of usefulness be materially diminished. Your committee recommend that additional collections be made by the different congregations, and that the sums thus obtained be sent to the officers of the Missionary Society as early as convenient.

The Synod last year enjoined on each minister in our connection the duty of making collections for the Widows' fund. We fear that from the state of the finances of the country very little has been done in this matter: your committee recommend that such funds as have been collected be paid over to the proper officers, and that the report of the treasurer be annexed to the minutes.

In reference to the Bible Society, we propose the following resolution: "*Resolved*, That we highly approve the objects of our various Bible Societies in the Confederate States, and recommend this noble cause to the patronage of our members."

Religious publications.—As this subject will occupy the attention of the convention which it is hoped will soon be convened, your committee recommend that this subject be postponed for the present—until it has received the deliberate attention of that body.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN BACHMAN.

Rev. J. H. Bailey asked and obtained leave of absence. Revs. W. Berly, J. N. Derrick, and Mr. John Lorick also obtained leave of absence after the services of the Sabbath.

On motion of Rev. W. Berly, it was unanimously

Resolved, That this Synod have heard with great pleasure of the success which has attended the efforts of Rev. E. A. Bolles, the General Agent of the "Bible Society of the Confederate States of America," and that we earnestly recommend him to the favorable notice of our people throughout this Confederacy.

Rev. N. Aldrich presented the report of the delegates to the General Convention, which was received and adopted:

The undersigned, one of the delegates elected by this body to attend the General Convention that by agreement of the various Southern synods was appointed to be held in Salisbury, N. C., the 15th of last May, would report as follows:

The attendance upon the Convention was exceedingly small, there being but *three* of the synods represented, and one of these only in part. The causes that prevented a general attendance are too well known to be embodied in this report. Suffice it for us to remark that the prospect of their continuance for an indefinite period, involving many months, and perhaps years, precluded the hope on the part of the delegates present that a more fitting opportunity than the present was likely to be presented, and in the meantime the interests of Zion would suffer for want of some action that would tend to bind the various Synods together with the cords of Christian sympathy and fellowship.

Under these circumstances, after mature deliberation, the brethren present decided that they could do nothing less than organize the Convention by the election of proper officers and the appointment of committees to take in hand and mature the items of business that would necessarily come before the General Synod when it should be formed. In accordance with this view, the Convention was duly organized by the election of a President and Secretary, and proceeded at once to the appointment of the following committees from among the delegates that were appointed to represent the different synods: 1, a Committee on Church Formula; 2, on Hymn Book and Catechism; 3, on Discipline; 4, on Synodical Constitution. Having done this much, the Convention considered they had gone as far as they ought, and adjourned to meet again at the same place on the 20th of last month (September), provided it was practicable; otherwise it stood adjourned to await the call of the President.

It appearing that the same difficulties stood in the way of the delegates at the time specified that prevented their previous attendance, and also that the Convention cannot be held in Salisbury, as was agreed upon, at the solicitation of a number of the delegates who desired to be in attendance, it now awaits the call of its President.

With the hope that what has been done will be approved and endorsed by this Synod, this report is respectfully submitted.

N. ALDRICH.

Resolved, That Synod cheerfully sanction the action of the delegates to Southern General Church Convention, which convened in Salisbury, N. C., in May last.

Mr. W. W. Houseal made the report of the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Seminary, which was received and adopted:

Dr. Theological Seminary of Lutheran Synod of South Carolina and adjacent states in account with JACOB F. SCHIRMER, Treasurer. **Cr.**

1861.			1862.		
January..	Balance due Treasurer.....	$246 79	January..	Rec'd 2 years Int. on Haltiwanger's Bond to 3d Nov. '61..	$56 00
March...	" deposited in Savings Institution	200 00	March...	" 1 " " Squier's " 25th " " ..	71 00
April....	Paid Rev. Mr. Smeltzer.....	375 00	"	" on account of Principal on Stevens' Bond.....	250 00
July.....	" " "	375 00	"	" Interest on " " "	29 10
October..	" " "	375 00	April....	" ½ year's Interest from Savings Institution.....	121 04
"	" Incidental Expenses past year....	10 00	"	" McCary's Bond, Principal in full.....	250 00
	Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	82 59	"	" Interest on McCary's Bond. in full.....	9 24
			June.....	" 1 year's Int. on Beck's Bond to 2d inst.....	280 00
			"	" 1 " " Holland's " 9th "	105 00
			July.....	" 3 " " Bridge Stock.....	43 50
			August...	" 1 " " Miller's Bond to 14th May.....	105 00
			"	" ½ " Div'd in Bank of Charleston to July, '62..	100 00
			Septemb'r	" 1 " Int. on Cammer's Bond to 6th inst.....	28 00
			"	" 1 " " Ferman's " 11th Aug.....	28 00
			October..	" 3 " " City Stock to date.....	13 50
			"	" 1 " " Railroad Bonds to date.....	175 00
		$1,664 38			$1,664 38
			1862.		
			October..	Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	$82 59

JACOB F. SCHIRMER, *Treasurer.*

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT.

Personal Bonds	$16,369 42
Five South Carolina Railroad Bonds.....	2,500 00
Fifty half-shares Bank of Charleston.....	2,500 00
Six shares Columbia Bridge Company.....	600 00
—— City six per cent.....	300 00
On deposit in Savings Institution.....	5,042 53
	$27,311 95

The Committee to whom was referred the Account of the Treasurer of the Seminary Fund report that they have examined the same—find all correct and the payments properly vouched. A supplementary statement is appended to the account showing the amount of $27,311 95 in bonds and other investments. Your committee would respectfully recommend that the interest on the bonds of individuals be collected annually, so that the treasurer may not be under the necessity of using any of the principal fund in payment of the salary of the professor of Theology, or other incidental expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. W. HOUSEAL,
L. C. McNARY.

Mr. J. F. Schirmer read the following report of the Committee on the Widows' Fund. Received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the examination of the accounts of the Widows' fund beg leave to report:

That the treasurer being absent from this meeting, and having sent no account, your committee can therefore make no report. Your committee would respectfully urge upon the treasurer the importance of sending an account in case he should be prevented from attending, as it is now two years since any report has been made of its funds. There are several applications annually made for aid from this fund, but the constitution requires that those applications should be made in writing. None have been referred to the committee, and your committee would recommend if such applications should be presented that the Synod take action on the same.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB F. SCHIRMER.

Resolved, That Mrs. Cloy, Mrs. Leppard, and Mrs. Ring receive each fifty dollars from the Widows' fund for the present year.

Mr. J. J. Dreher presented the report of the Committee on the Account of Treasurer of Synod. Adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the account of treasurer of Synodical fund would report that they have examined the same, and as far as they can determine, in the absence of the bonds, all is correct and the payments properly vouched.

Inasmuch as this is the first report submitted to Synod by our treasurer, your committee would recommend that he be requested to furnish to the recording secretary a full statement of bonds, notes, and other investments, as found on page 15 of the minutes of 1860, to appear in our present minutes as supplementary to his report. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN J. DREHER,
G. A. RISER,

Dr. Wm. W. HOUSEAL, in account with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina and adjacent states. **Cr.**

1862.			1862.		
Jan. 18...	To amount received from S. Corley, former treasurer, in bonds, notes, and cash.....	$1,938 78	Jan. 20....	Paid Rev. Berly's expenses to Georgia Synod..	$19 75
" "...	Collections Synod at St. Paul's church.....	652 96	Feb. 28....	" Rev. Hawkins' postage on minutes.....	6 75
Feb. 17...	Interest on G. Younginer's bond.....	17 75	March 15..	" R. W. Gibbes for printing minutes.....	121 50
					148 00
				Balance in bonds, notes, and cash	2,461 49
		$2,609 49			$2,609 49

Synod now adjourned its business until Monday morning, 9 o'clock, A. M., and spent a half-hour in special prayer for the country, led by Rev. E. Caughman.

SABBATH SERVICES.

A large congregation assembled in the church and engaged for a half-hour in meeting for prayer, led by Rev. J. Crim.

Rev. N. Aldrich introduced the public services at 11 o'clock, A. M., and Rev. W. Berly preached from 2 Cor. v, 10, upon the General Judgment. The elements of the Holy Supper were then, after a few prefatory remarks, consecrated by Rev. Dr. Bachman, and a goodly number of the followers of the Saviour attested their devotion to him by partaking of the emblems of his broken body and shed blood.

After a short recess the secretary introduced the services of the afternoon, and Rev. Professor Smeltzer followed in a discourse upon the transfiguration based upon Matt. xvii, 1–7.

At candle-light Rev. A. W. Lindler preached at Jericho Methodist Episcopal church, from Luke xxiv, 8.

Religious services were held on this and every other evening at different points in the community, conducted by Revs. Dr. Bachman, Aldrich, Caughman, Bouknight, Eichelberger, B. F. Berry, D. M. Blackwelder, J. Hawkins.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING.

Synod convened at 9 o'clock, and was opened with religious exercises by Rev. Professor Schreckhise.

The roll was called, and the minutes of Saturday were read and confirmed. Rev. W. S. Bowman appeared and took his seat, and Rev. G. D. Bernheim of the North Carolina Synod was invited to sit as an advisory member.

Mr. A. M. Riser asked and obtained leave of absence from further attendance upon the session of Synod.

On motion of Rev. E. Caughman it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due to the congregation of Mt. Lebanon church and the citizens of the vicinity for the kind hospitality received at their hands during our session, and that they be tendered immediately after divine service by the President.

Rev. Professor Smeltzer presented the following upon the report of the Editing Committee of the Southern Lutheran, which was adopted:

The paper handed to your committee is the annual report of the Editing Committee of the Southern Lutheran. This paper describes the financial condition of the Southern Lutheran, relates the difficulties under which the editors labor, and expresses the fears they entertain in regard to its continuance.

In reference to the Southern Lutheran and its editors your committee would recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved 1, That the thanks of this Synod are due to the editors of the Southern Lutheran for the energy and self-sacrifice they have exhibited in the work which they have voluntarily assumed.

Resolved 2, That each member of this Synod will exert himself to the utmost in securing new subscribers as well as donations to the Southern Lutheran.

Resolved 3, That while the thanks of this Synod are due to the junior editor, Rev. W. S. Bowman, for his untiring energy while connected with the Southern Lutheran, they regret that he felt it his duty to withdraw from the corps editorial.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. SMELTZER.

Mr. W. W. Houseal read the report of Moneys received for Synodical Treasury:

SYNODICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Rev. S. Bouknight's charge—		
Macedonia	$5 00	
St. Marks	4 80	
Trinity	1 50	—11 30
Rev. Wm. Berly's charge—		
St. Stephen's	10 00	
St. Andrew's	10 10	—20 10
Rev. E. B. Hort's charge—		
Columbia		5 00
Rev. J. B. Lowman's charge—		
St. Peter's	3 88	
Bethel	7 30	
St. David's	3 00	—14 18
Rev. B. Kreps' charge—		
Mt. Calvary		3 00
Rev. A. W. Lindler's charge—		
St. John's	5 00	
Mt. Zion	2 00	— 7 00
Rev. D. M. Blackwelder's charge—		
St. Michael's	19 00	
St. Paul's	10 00	—29 00
Rev. Professor Smeltzer's charge—		
Luther chapel, Newberry		10 00
Rev. W. S. Bowman's charge—		
Morris street, Charleston		5 00

Rev. T. S. Boinest's charge—		
St. Luke's	8 35	
Bethlehem	18 50	
St. John's	8 00	34 85
Rev. W. A. Houck's charge—		
Pine Grove	3 20	
Trinity	17 70	20 90
Rev. B. F. Berry's charge—		
Mt. Pleasant	5 00	
St. Nicholas	2 00	7 00
Rev. J. N. Derrick's charge—		
St. James	5 00	
Rev. Paul Derrick's charge—		
St. Matthew's and Mount Lebanon	47 72	
Rev. J. H. W. Werts' charge—		
Union church	2 00	
Salem	3 25	5 25
Rev. Dr. Bachman's charge—		
Female Lutheran Society	45 00	
St. John's	57 00	102 00
Rev. J. H. Bailey's charge*—		
Colony	11 10	
Liberty Hill	9 64	
St. Matthew's	20 43	41 17
Rev. J. Moser's charge—		
Mt. Zion	6 25	
Rev. E. Caughman's charge—		
Nazareth	5 00	
Good Hope	3 10	8 10
Newville church, Frog Level	2 40	

Received and adopted.

Resolved, That the Secretary have 1,500 copies of the minutes of the present meeting published, and distribute them in proportion to the communicants within our bounds.

Resolved, That the Missionary Society be allowed to publish their minutes in connection with ours.

The following series of resolutions, offered by Rev. Professor Smeltzer and Mr. J. F. Schirmer, were adopted:

1. *Resolved,* That initiatory steps be taken for the establishment of a "Southern Lutheran Book Company," by the formation of a joint-stock company, and that we invite the co-operation of the other Synods of the Lutheran Church in the Confederate States.

2. *Resolved,* That the shares of the stock be fixed at one hundred dollars.

3. *Resolved,* That the interest of the money invested be applied to the aid of the Southern Lutheran, until that paper can be supported by its subscribers.

4. *Resolved,* That a committee be appointed to take charge of all such funds and notes as may be paid over, and report at the next meeting of the Synod.

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* This includes the years 1861 and 1862.

The Committee appointed by Synod was: Rev. Professor J. P. Smeltzer, Chairman; Rev. Professor J. M. Schreckhise and W. W. Houseal, Esq., Newberry, S. C.

5. *Resolved,* That each minister of the Synod be requested to obtain subscribers to the proposed object, and report the same to any member of the committee before the 1st January next.

6. *Resolved,* That if any subscriber taking shares in the proposed book company should be willing to pay the interest on his subscription in advance, to aid the necessities of the paper, that he be allowed to do so.

7. *Resolved,* That each person subscribing for shares in this proposed book company may be allowed to give his individual note—the interest to be paid annually and the principal to be paid in ten annual instalments.

8. *Resolved,* That the fund thus subscribed be held at interest until the contemplated General Synod be organized, and on the establishment of a book company, the fund to be paid over to them for the furtherance of that object.

9. *Resolved,* That the proposed subscription be commenced from the 1st of January next,

10. *Resolved,* That in the event of any minister not being able to make his return by the 1st January next that he may be permitted to do so after that time—but that the subscription be regarded as commencing from the 1st January next.

Bethlehem church, Pomaria, was selected as the place of the next meeting of Synod, and Thursday, the 15th October, 1863, as the time.

The report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was read by their secretary, and on motion was received and adopted:

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary beg leave to present their annual report. Since the last meeting of your Synod, held at St. Paul's, Newberry district, South Carolina, nothing of any importance has occurred. One theological student is all that has been receiving instruction at the seminary during the synodical year. Those who were receiving instruction are in the army, and have not returned. One young brother, ——— Hungerpeler, has gone to his reward in heaven, having sacrificed his life in defence of his country. Our young men over eighteen years of age are in the army resisting the invaders of our soil, and no hope of any increase of students may be entertained while the war continues. Our professor has informed us that no addition to the library has been received, and no improvements to the seminary and its grounds have been undertaken.

The board looks to you for that fostering care which such an institution needs as well as for substantial aid, and hopes that your interest in this school of the prophets is by no means abated. As one after another falls at the post of duty on the walls of Zion, where are you to look for a supply of ministers if not to this seminary? The board look forward to the cessation of hostilities and the return of peace, when they confidently expect an increase of such young men who will devote their lives to the great work of the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

T. S. BOINEST,

Secretary of Board of Directors of Theological Seminary.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Bachman it was

Resolved, That Synod stands adjourned, to meet at time and place above mentioned.

Religious exercises were now introduced by Rev. J. Hawkins, and Rev. S. Bouknight preached from 2 Cor. v, 20.

At the close of these services the President returned the thanks of the Synod to the congregation, and Dr. Bachman in behalf of the Synod took leave of the congregation in a brief and feeling address, closing with a suitable hymn, a fervent prayer, and the apostolical benediction.

THADDEUS S. BOINEST,

Secretary of Synod of South Carolina and adjacent states.

MINUTES OF THE MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

October 17, 1862.

Ministerium met this afternoon, and was opened with prayer by Rev. H. Stoudemyer.

Rev. Webster Eichelberger, a licentiate of the Virginia Synod, having been elected a professor in Newberry college, and having located within our bounds, was on motion received as a member of this body, on condition that he furnish the President with a certificate of his honorable dismission from the Synod of Virginia, and that he also, upon the necessary credentials being furnished to the officers of this body, receive a license until the next meeting of Synod.

Revs. D. M. Blackwelder and S. Bouknight were appointed a Committee on Sermons and Journals.

Adjourned with prayer by Brother Schreckhise.

SECOND SESSION.

Monday, October 20.

The Ministerium met at the call of the President, and was opened with prayer by Rev. W. A. Houck. Minutes of last session read and approved.

Rev. D. M. Blackwelder read the report on the sermon and journal of Rev. B. Kreps:

Your committee appointed to examine the sermon and journal of Brother Kreps have discharged that duty, and would report that they found the sermon good in its arrangement, clear in its sentiments, appropriate in its diction, and eminently practical throughout—well calculated to do good. We would, however, suggest to

the brother a stricter attention to orthography. The journal shows a commendable industry in the discharge of the duties of his sacred office. Your committee feel assured that this brother by diligent study and close application to his work will become under the blessing of God a very useful minister of the gospel of Christ.

Submitted by committee,

D. M. BLACKWELDER,
S. BOUKNIGHT.

Report received and adopted.

Resolved, That the license of Rev. S. Bailey be renewed for one year.

Vacant churches were now inquired into, and Revs. Dr. Bachman and W. S. Bowman were appointed to correspond with the churches in Savannah in reference to obtaining pastors.

The Ministerium having completed its business now adjourned.

THADDEUS S. BOINEST,

Sec. of Ev: Luth. Ministerium of S. C. and adjacent states.

MINUTES OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

SATURDAY, October 18, 1862.

The Missionary sermon was preached at 11 o'clock, A. M., by Rev. Professor J. P. Smeltzer, from Luke xxvii, 44.

After a short recess the Society was called to order by the President, and opened with prayer by Rev. J. P. Margart.

Upon a call being made the following persons became members of the Society by payment of the sums annexed to their names:

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Rev. J. Hawkins	$1 00	Mrs. S. C. Derrick	$1 00
Rev. W. Berly	1 00	Rev. J. P. Margart	1 00
Rev. E. Caughman	1 00	Mrs. Ann Gates	1 00
Mrs. N. Caughman	1 00	Mrs. E. R. Zimmerman	1 00
Rev. Dr. Bachman	10 00	Mrs. A. A. Dasher	1 00
Mrs. J. Bachman	5 00	Mrs. Ann Rast	1 00
J. F. Schirmer	5 00	Mrs. M. A. Rush	1 00
Rev. S. Bouknight	1 00	Mrs. A. C. Dantzler	1 00
Rev. T. S. Boinest	2 00	Mrs. M. Harman	1 00
Mrs. A. E. Boinest	2 00	Mrs. R. H. Bernhardt	10 00
Master J. Bachman Boinest	1 00	Mr. T. H. Zimmerman	5 00
N. J. Hiller, Sr	1 00	Mrs. Rachel Haigler	1 00
Rev. D. M. Blackwelder	5 00	Mrs. Rebecca Haigler	50
Rev. J. B. Lowman	2 00	Miss C. E. Fersner	1 00
Rev. J. Austin	1 00	Miss A. H. Harley	1 00
Bergman Dasher	5 00	Miss E. J. Hungerpeler	50
R. E. Zettrour	1 00	Mrs. E. R. Moorer	1 00
A. M. Riser	1 00	Mr. Joseph Fersner	1 00
Rev. W. A. Houck	1 00	Mr. H. L. Reckenbacker	1 00
Mrs. M. Houck	1 00	Mr. J. D. Keller	2 00
Rev. N. Aldrich	1 00	Rev. P. Derrick	1 00
Rev. W. Eichelberger	2 50	Mrs. A. C. Dantzler	1 00
Rev. B. Kreps	1 00	Mrs. E. S. Haigler	1 00
Rev. J. Crim	1 00	Mrs. A. B. Derrick	1 00
G. A. Riser	1 00	Mrs. M. B. Haigler	1 00
J. W. Barber	1 00	Miss M. M. Rast	1 00
Rev. J. P. Smeltzer	1 00	Mrs. C. M. Haigler	1 00
Mrs. A. E. Smeltzer	1 00	Mrs. C. E. Haigler	1 00
Mrs. Sarah Smeltzer	1 00	J. J. Dreher	1 00
Mr. S. S. Smeltzer	1 00	Mrs. E. Wingard	5 00
Miss H. Ella Smeltzer	1 00	Mrs. S. C. Arant	1 00
Mr. Charles M. Smeltzer	1 00	Mrs. Catherine Rast	1 00
Mr. J. Bachman Smeltzer	1 00	Mrs. M. A. Till	1 00
Rev. H. Stoudemyer	2 00	Miss J. E. Fersner	1 00
Rev. A. W. Lindler	1 00	Miss M. R. Hiller	1 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Lindler	1 00	Miss A. C. Haigler	25
Mrs. Frances J. Lindler	1 00	Miss Sally Moorer	50
L. C. McNary	1 00	Mr. M. J. Rast	50
Mrs. Elizabeth McNary	1 00	Mrs. S. M. Reckenbacker	1 00
Rev. J. M. Schreckhise	1 00	Mr. John Lorick	1 00
R. H. Zimmerman	1 00	Mr. E. D. Irick	1 00
Rev. J. N. Derrick	1 00	Rev. J. H. W. Wertz	2 25

CONGREGATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Rev. P. Derrick's charge—		
St. Matthew's and Mt. Lebanon		$20 25
Rev. W. Berly's charge—		
St. Stephen's	$22 35	
St. Andrew's	11 00	—33 35
Rev. E. B. Hort's charge—		
Columbia church		32 50
Rev. J. M. Schreckhise's charge—		
Beth Eden		10 00
Rev. J. B. Lowman's charge—		
Bethel	12 15	
St. Peter's	12 75	—24 90
Rev. B. Kreps' charge—		
Mt. Calvary		2 00
Rev. J. P. Smeltzer's charge—		
Luther chapel		30 00
Rev. J. Austin—		
Ebenezer charge		23 75
Rev. W. S. Bowman's charge—		
Morris street church, Charleston		12 00
Rev. D. M. Blackwelder's charge—		
St. Michael's		18 25
Rev. T. S. Boinest's charge—		
Bethlehem		22 75
Rev. W. A. Houck's charge—		
Pine Grove	4 25	
Trinity	14 75	—19 00
Rev. J. H. W. Wertz's charge—		
Union church		1 75
Rev. B. F. Berry's charge—		
Mt. Pleasant and St. Nicholas		6 00
Rev. E. Caughman's charge—		
Good Hope	10 00	
Nazareth	4 50	—14 50
Rev. J. Moser's charge—		
Mt. Zion		7 25
Total		$278 25
Individual contributions		131 00
		$409 25

The following persons were elected officers of the Society:

President—Mr. J. F. SCHIRMER.

Vice-Presidents—Revs. Dr. BACHMAN, W. S. BOWMAN, and Major J. P. KINARD.

Recording Secretary—Rev. T. S. BOINEST.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. D. M. BLACKWELDER.

Treasurer—Mr. J. J. DREHER.

Executive Committee—Revs. J. P. SMELTZER, J. M. SCHRECKHISE, T. S. BOINEST, Messrs. W. W. HOUSEAL, M. BARRE, J. P. KINARD, and J. J. DREHER.

On motion of Dr. Bachman it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this society be tendered to Rev. Professor Smeltzer for the interesting sermon to which we have just listened, and that a copy be solicited for publication in the Southern Lutheran.

Applications for aid were placed in the hands of the Executive Committee.

The Corresponding Secretary read his annual report:

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The past year has been full of anxiety, and toil, and trial, and the missionary cause has borne its full share in the hinderances incident to these days of calamity and war. Our mission in the City of Charleston has more especially been called to experience the evils of the present crisis. Her membership and those who were attendants upon the ministrations of our missionary have been driven from their homes by the approach and threatened invasion of a merciless hireling foe, and left only a fluctuating and migratory congregation for his ministrations; yet these being frequently composed of our brave defenders we may, not without good reason, believe that he is contributing in no small degree to the spiritual good of that now large class of our fellow-countrymen. Some two months since our esteemed brother, the incumbent of this mission, was afflicted with a severe illness, and was so completely prostrated that his physician deemed it essentially necessary that he should take a respite from his labors and seek restoration of his health; this course has been taken, and our esteemed brother has been completely restored, and will soon enter again upon his labors.

Brother Derrick has been laboring on with diligence at Graniteville, and making regular reports of his mission. He, too, has felt the blighting effects of this war in the diminution of his congregation, and has been called to pass through the deep furnace of affliction in the death of two of his little ones. We deeply sympathize with him in his affliction, and pray God that the consolations of that gospel which he preaches may sustain him in his dark hour.

Rev. F. Hickerson has been sustained by your funds in Columbia county, Fla., but has never made a report to your corresponding secretary, consequently he can give you no information in reference to his doings.

Respectfully submitted,

T. S. BOINEST,

Corresponding Secretary.

Resolved, That the corresponding secretary inform Rev. F. Hickerson that inasmuch as he is sustained by the funds of the society he is required to make quarterly reports of his labors to the corresponding secretary.

The Treasurer's report was handed in, and referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. W. W. Houseal and J. W. Barber.

The Executive Committee presented their report upon applications for aid, which was taken up by items, and during its

consideration verbal statements were made by brethren, and a letter was read from Rev. F. Hickerson, after which the following appropriations were made:

Rev. B. Kreps, $100.

Rev. F. Hickerson, $300.

Resolved, That the Missionaries in the employ of this society be required hereafter to make a statement of the amount received from the field of their operations, and whether they are engaged in any secular pursuit, and the amount of income arising therefrom.

The Committee on the Treasurer's Account made their report, which was received and adopted:

Dr. JOHN J. DREHER, Treas., in acc't with Synodical Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina and adjacent states. Cr.

1862.			1862.		
Jan. 20	To balance in cash as per report rendered at Synod held in St. Paul's church, Newberry district, S. C.	$195 36	Jan. 20	By cash paid Rev. W. S. Bowman, for Rev. C. H. Bernheim.	$200 00
" "	" whole amount of contributions at Synod as above stated	681 02	" "	" " " Rev. J. P. Margart	100 00
Feb. 1	Received from Mrs. R. H. Bernhard	10 00	" "	" " " " J. P. Smeltzer	100 00
" "	" " " " E. Wingard	5 00	" 30	" " " for check sent to Rev. J. N. Derrick.	87 50
July 25	By amount drawn from Savings Institution	142 00	April 2	" " " Rev. E. B. Hort	100 00
Aug. 26	" " received part principal on J. H. C.'s Bond	200 00	" 11	" " " for check sent to Rev. F. Hickerson.	90 00
			May 14	" " " " " " F. Hickerson.	90 00
			July 25	" " " " " " J. N. Derrick.	87 50
			" "	" " " Geo. Roberts for " J. N. Derrick.	87 50
			Oct. 18	Balance in hands of Treasurer	200 88
		$1,233 38			$1,233 38
Oct. 18	Balance in hands of Treasurer	$200 88			
" "	Amount of Bonds and Notes	283 23			
" "	" on deposit in Savings Institution	183 51			
		$667 62			

JOHN J. DREHER, *Treasurer.*

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of Synodical Missionary Society report that they have carefully examined the accounts — find all correct, and payment properly vouched.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. HOUSEAL,
J. W. BARBER.

Rev. Professor Schreckhise was appointed to preach the Missionary sermon at the next meeting of the society, and Rev. D. M. Blackwelder his alternate.

Resolved, That the Synod be requested to publish the minutes of this society in connection with theirs.

The society now adjourned to meet on Saturday at 12, M., at the time and place of the next meeting of Synod. Prayer by Rev. P. Derrick.

T. S. BOINEST,

Recording Secretary Missionary Society.

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF DISABLED MINISTERS, ETC.

Mt. Lebanon church, Oct. 20, 1862.

There not being a sufficient number of members present to form a quorum no meeting of the society was held, but the following contributions to the funds of the society were handed in:

Mrs. J. Bachman		$10
Rev. W. Eichelberger		2
Per Rev. E. B. Hort, Jr., G. V. Antwerp		10
W. J. Rivers		5
Rev. E. B. Hort		3—$30
Sunday-school Society, Charleston		$30

The Treasurer's Report was handed in, and is herewith annexed up to date:

Dr. F. C. BLUM, Treasurer, in account with Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers, etc. **Cr.**

1861.			1861.		
January...	Received at meeting of Synod this date.....	$154 50	January...	Balance due Treasurer.....	44
April.....	Received per Rev. C. H. Bernheim on account of		April.....	Deposited in Savings Institution.....	$183 00
1862.	interest due on his bond.....	25 88	1862.		
October...	Received principal and interest in full of Rev. G.		October 21	Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	101 19
"	D. Bernheim's note.....	44 25			
	Received at Synod this meeting.....	60 00			
		$284 63			$284 63

1862.
October 21..Balance in hands of Treasurer..... $101 19

ASSETS IN HANDS OF TREASURER.

Bond of Rev. C. H. Bernheim, dated 18th February, 1858; interest paid upon account up to October, 1861	$625	00
Amount on deposit in Savings Institution	1,010	48
April and October dividends in Savings Institution not drawn and now entered as principal	46	45
Balance in hands of Treasurer	101	19
	$1,783	12

Martha Mather
Elizabeth Sumfield
Dan'l Keller